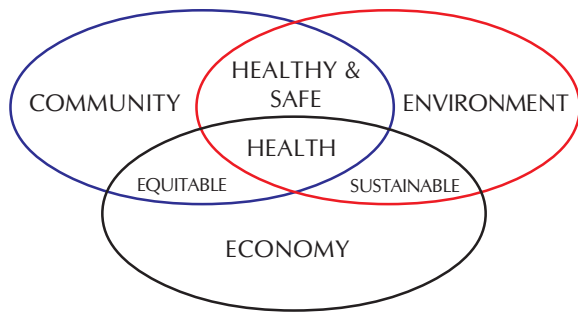


Mission Statement

The Medical Reserve Corps program was established to prepare and respond to natural or man-made public health emergencies by recruiting, training, and developing partnerships that support and serve public health emergency planning and response program in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties.

The MRC volunteers will work through collaborative efforts with our service area's health professionals, first response agencies, emergency management, and community partners. We are working together to protect the health and safety of Idaho citizens.



Working towards a healthy community.



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Background

The deliberate release of anthrax spores in the mail, following the terrorist's attack on September 11, 2001, highlighted the critical role public health officials have in responding to natural and man-made public health emergencies.

Central District Health Department (Health District 4) has a lead role to improve our district's ability to prepare and respond to public health emergencies. Our Health District serves Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties, which have a combined population of roughly 360,000 people.

In order to provide the necessary personnel to respond to a public health emergency or disaster, CDHD has created the Medical Reserve Corps program.



Emergency Preparedness Role

CDHD has taken a lead role in the following district-wide activities:

- Develop regional public health emergency response plans;
- Formulate and coordinate plans to receive and manage the Strategic National Stockpile;
- Plan and administer large-scale emergency vaccination or medication to the public.

In an emergency, the CDHD Medical Reserve Corps program unit will play a lead role in preparing and responding to any public health emergency in our district.



Strategic National Stockpile

Medical Reserve Corps members can contribute their time and talents throughout the year and are eligible to receive a variety of free educational and training opportunities or participate in preparedness exercises and drills.

Membership

Anyone can become a member of our Medical Reserve Corps program. We need a large number of BOTH medical and non-medical staff to sustain our emergency response plan.

In addition to learning how the MRC functions and how individuals can support their community during a public health emergency, volunteers will learn about local community needs and vulnerabilities.

Join Our Team!

If you are interested in participating in our Medical Reserve Corps program, register online at: <http://cdhd.idaho.gov/Conf/vol.cfm> or contact us at 327-8542



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